

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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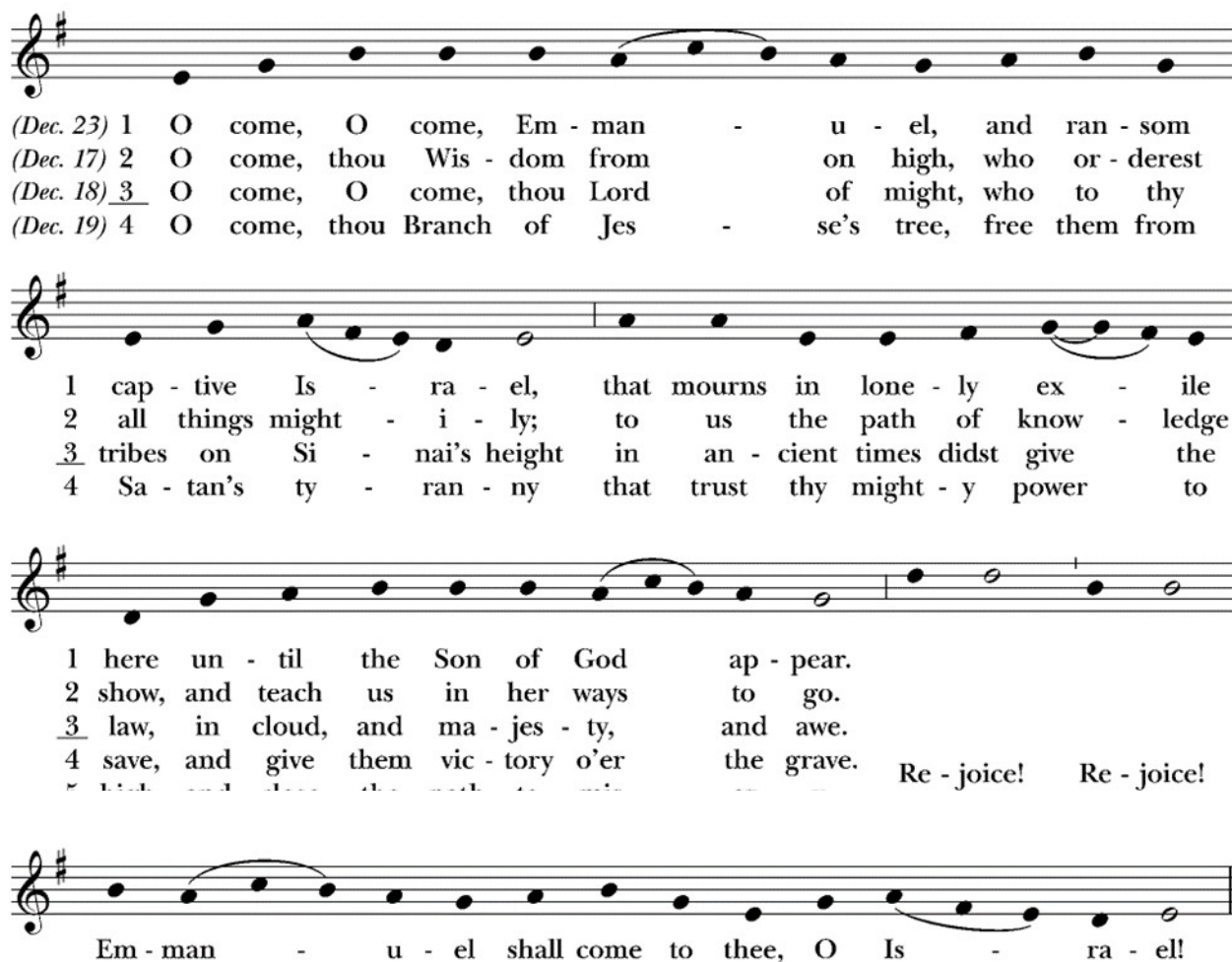
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THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vss. 1-4)

Veni, Veni Emmanuel



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: *Veni, Veni Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

The following is sung, all standing

KYRIE

Herzliebster Jesu

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in 3/2 time and B-flat major. The first system contains the lyrics "Ky - ri - e e - lei - son." The second system contains the lyrics "Chris - te e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son." The music is a simple, homophonic setting of the Kyrie.

Translation: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Words: Kevin Hacket (b. 1956), from *Hymn Tunes Mass*; based on *Herzliebster Jesu*, Johan Cruger 91598– 1662)
Music: *Herzliebster Jesu* by Johann Cruger(1598-1662)
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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10-16

Reader A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Remain seated

- ¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- ²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- ³Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- ⁴O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- ⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- ⁶You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- ¹⁶Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- ¹⁷And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- ¹⁸Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 1:1-7

Reader A Reading from Paul's letter the church in Rome.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power

according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Savior Of The Nations, Come

Arr. Colin Allison

♩ = 100

Sa - vior of the na - tions come! Vir - gin's Son, make here your home.
 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the Vir - gin un - de - filed!
 Thus on earth the word ap - pears, grac - ing his cre - a - ted spheres;
 Come, o Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er sin the vic - t'ry won.

1., 2., 3.

5 3x

Mar - vel now, both heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 Might - y God and Ma - ry's son, eag - er now his race to run!
 hence to death and hell des - cends, then the heav - en ly throne a - scends.
 Bound - less shall your king - dom be; grant that we its

4.

9

glo - ries see.

Words: Martin Luther(1493-1546) after Ambrose of Milan (840-397); tr. William M. Reynolds (1812-1876) and James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)

Music: *Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland*, melody from *Erfurt Enchiridia*, 1524; arr. Colin Allison.

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Mother Mindy Valentine Davis

THE NICENE CREED

Said in unison.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped
and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

After each paragraph of this prayer, the People may make an appropriate response, as directed.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Lord in thy mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Bishop Lee and Mother Mindy, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. Lord in thy mercy, *hear our prayer.*

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Lord in thy mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Lord in thy mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. Lord in thy mercy, *hear our prayer.*

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord in thy mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. Psalm 50:14

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

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The People stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

SANCTUS

Sanc - tus, Sanc - tus, Sanc - tus,

5

Dom - i - nus De - us Sa - ba - oth.

9

Sanc - tus, Sanc - tus, Sanc - tus

13

Dom - i - nus De - us Sa - ba oth.

17

Plen - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra,

21

ter - ra glor - ia tu - a Ho -

25

- san - na in ex - cel - sis, Ho -

29

- san - na in ex - cel - sis.

33

Ben e - dict - us qui ven - it

37

in nom - i - ne Dom - i - ni. Ho -

41

- san - na in ex - cel - sis, Ho -

45

- san - na in ex - cel - sis.

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The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Schubert/Allison

Ag - nus De - i mun di: Mis er - er - e no - bis.

Ag - nus De - i mun di: Mis er - er - e no - bis.

Ag - nus De - i qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di:

don - a no - bis pac - em don - a no - bis pac - em

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Translation

Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant us peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words.

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

COMMUNION HYMN

Ave Maria

Schubert

Performed by Sarah Parker

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

ADVENT BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ

People Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vss. 5-8)

Veni, Veni Emmanuel



(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice!
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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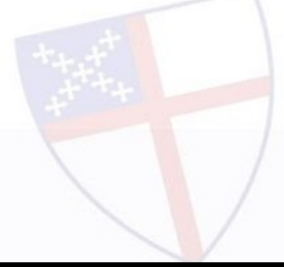
Our worship has concluded. Your Service Begins.





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ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday, December 17 - Friday, December 23

8:00 AM—Morning Prayer

Wednesday, December 21

12:00 PM Midweek Mass

6:00 PM Vestry Meeting on Zoom

Sunday, December 25

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

PRAYERS

Parishioner Cycle of prayer: Chuck Bardenwerper

Ministry Rotation of Prayer: Social Media Ministry

For those who are sick: Jerry, Jack, Vickie, Charlie, Cynthia, Kristin, Steve, Deborah, Russell, Obi, Young, Jennifer, Gary, Bishop Whitmore, Lisa, Bill, Matt, Scott, Bev, John, Sally, Nancy, Cheri, Doris, Jory.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY

Back-to-Basics Bible Study continues on Sunday Mornings at 8:30AM. Seasoned Christians and Brand-New Christians or Faith Seekers are having a great time learning about the Bible. Everyone should be able to get something out of the Back-to-Basics course. Please come and join the fun!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Christmas Eve service will be Saturday, December 24, at 8:00 PM. Christmas Day service will be our regularly scheduled Sunday Service at 10:00 AM.



Are you wondering why we are using ancient language in our worship today?

Sometimes during certain seasons of the church we may choose to use more traditional language. We are doing that now during Advent to signal a change in the season, to focus on some of the penitential language (that is language that helps us reflect that we are sorry for our sins), and to connect us with our beautiful past. We will be changing back to contemporary language at Christmas.

For our Visitors

Welcome! We are so glad that you have decided to worship with us today. All people are welcome at St. Peter's and we are grateful that you are here.

Please participate in as much or as little of the service as you feel comfortable. Episcopal worship is responsive; there are lines for both leadership and those in the pews. The vast majority of the service is contained in this service bulletin. Follow along and make a joyful noise to the Lord or simply sit and absorb. It is all up to you and your comfort level.

All people are welcome at God's table. Holy Communion is when Christians celebrate Christ's last supper. During Holy Communion we consume consecrated bread and wine, which Jesus asked us to do in remembrance of Him. All baptized Christians from any denomination of any age can receive communion in the Episcopal Church. If you are not baptized, you are welcome to come and receive a blessing. To receive a blessing, come to the altar rail and cross your hands over your chest and the priest will know to bless you. If you are interested in being baptized, please see Mother Mindy.

The closest bathroom is through the door to the left of the altar through the other door to the left next to the drinking fountain (bubbler). There are also bathrooms downstairs in the hallway down the back stairs and through the Parish Hall.

There is an elevator in the office wing.

Please join us for coffee in the Parish Hall downstairs after the service.

We hope you will come back next week and the week after that!

